GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:344
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REGULARISATION OF CASUAL WORKERS IN FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers working in Food Corporation of India as on date;

(b) the wage structure of these workers;

(c) whether an agreement was signed between Food Corporation of India Workers` Union andauthorities in 1991-92 regarding regularization of casual workers;

(d) if so, the number of such workers who have been regularised till date;

(e) the reasons for not regularising the remaining workers; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for their regularisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.344 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1 2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

There are 103 casual labourers working in the two Bareilly depots of the Food Corporation of India, at present.

The casual labourers are paid the minimum wages, as prescribed by the local District Collector/ District Magistrate.

An Agreement was concluded between the FCI management and the FCI Workers` Union in1991-92 in which, inter-alia, it was agreed that all the 69 casual labourers working in the FCI depots in Delhi region would be regularized.Based on this Agreement, these labourers were regularized with effect from 01.04.1992. At the time of signing this Agreement, there was no casual labour working in the 2 Bareilly depots of the FCI.

In 1996, the FCI management introduced specific criteria for considering regularization of contract labour. 103 labourers in the Bareilly depots did not fulfil this criteria and were not regularized but, subsequently, were allowed to work as casual labour.